

House Resolution 2115

By: Representatives McCall of the 30th, England of the 108th, Burns of the 157th, Roberts of the 154th, Sellier of the 136th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia farmers and challenging agricultural organizations to promote
2 sustainability by educating their members on the 4Rs; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia leaders who propose sustainability policies should also consider
4 supporting practices that "sustain" the "ability" of Georgia farmers to produce for the needs
5 of this nation and the world; and

6 WHEREAS, plant nutrients sustain healthy plant growth and ensure abundant supplies of
7 food, fiber, and fuel for our citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, as responsible stewards of the environment, Georgia farmers embrace, at an
9 increasing rate, a myriad of technologies that improve precision in modern agriculture and
10 avoid waste; and

11 WHEREAS, further adoption of precision agriculture practices will yield higher degrees of
12 stewardship and greater profitability for Georgia farm families; and

13 WHEREAS, the concept of Right Source, Right Rate, Right Time, and Right Place (the 4Rs),
14 developed by the International Plant Nutrition Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, is an outstanding
15 communication tool for public awareness and education on best planting and farming
16 practices; and

17 WHEREAS, all agricultural organizations in Georgia are challenged to promote the 4R
18 Nutrient Stewardship Framework to their members as a best management practice in order
19 to promote sustainability and effectively deliver quality crops to the people of this nation and
20 the world.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend the hardworking and resourceful farmers of Georgia who

23 make a positive impact on this state's economy and environment, recognize the importance
24 of sustainability polices that aid the Georgia farmer in providing quality and affordable food
25 to the people of Georgia, and challenge agricultural organizations to promote sustainability
26 by educating their members on the 4Rs.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia Agribusiness
29 Council, Georgia Farm Bureau, Georgia Plant Food Educational Society, and Georgia
30 Poultry Federation for further distribution to the agricultural community of Georgia.